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"MAINTAIN AS TOP SERIAL IN THE BELOW LISTED 161 CASE FILE"

ROUTING SLIP

April 3, 1996

To: File (161 A - HQ - 1042752)

From: B Unit Chief [redacted]
Special Inquiry and General Background Investigations Unit (SIGBIU)
Personnel Division

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Subject: RONALD HARMON BROWN
CLASSIFICATION 161 BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CONTAINING
INVESTIGATION ALLEGEDLY CONDUCTED BY FORMER WMFO SPECIAL
AGENT (SA) [redacted]

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IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH BELOW, UNDER NO
CIRCUMSTANCES IS THERE TO BE ANY FURTHER DISSEMINATION OF ANY
INFORMATION OR DOCUMENT CONTAINED IN CAPTIONED 161 FILE WITHOUT
PRIOR APPROVAL OF, AND COORDINATION WITH, THE SIGBIU UNIT CHIEF.

(concl. page, synopsis page + pertinent inserts only)
Attached is one xerox copy of those document(s) (if more than one, stapled together and
considered as one enclosure) contained in captioned 161 case file reflecting investigation
conducted on captioned subject by WMFO including investigation allegedly conducted by former
WMFO SA [redacted] (hereinafter [redacted])

This 161 case file is one of many containing investigation allegedly conducted by [redacted]
during the time he was assigned to the A-1 squad in WMFO. [redacted] is currently awaiting
sentencing in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, Virginia. [redacted]
previously plead guilty to several counts of an indictment returned in 1/96, in which he was
charged with, among other things, falsifying his investigation in certain 161 cases.

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Regarding captioned 161 case, it is not known if [redacted] falsified any part of his
investigation. If [redacted] did falsify any part of his investigation, then the FBI's summary
memorandum(s) dated 1-5-93, contained in captioned 161 file, as well as the
document(s) enclosed herewith, contain inaccurate information. It is noted that the
aforementioned summary memorandum(s) were furnished by the SIGBIU to the client entity in
response to its request of the FBI to conduct a background investigation on captioned subject.

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~~1 - WMFO (161 - HQ -) (Enclosure)~~
~~(Attention: SSA [redacted] Squad A-1)~~
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*Placed in the
1/15/01 when Harlow
involvement became
known. jz*

The handling of 161 background investigations containing investigation allegedly conducted by [] is being addressed on a case by case basis as follows:

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(A) In the event a request is received of the FBI which would involve dissemination of investigation, or documents reporting investigation, allegedly conducted by [] and contained in captioned 161 case file, SIGBIU will promptly initiate appropriate steps, with the assistance of WMFO, to determine if [] falsified any part his investigation. Based upon those findings, SIGBIU will (1) initiate further steps to amend any summary memoranda to accurately reflect the results of the background investigation and make it suitable for dissemination, if necessary, and (2) will make other appropriate corrections/notations in captioned case file to avoid any dissemination of incorrect information.

(B) If, in the future, the FBI is requested by an outside entity to conduct another background investigation on captioned subject, SIGBIU will take appropriate steps to determine if [] falsified any part of his investigation in the prior FBI background investigation, and, if so, redo that part and report the results in the current background investigation.

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WMFO IS REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN THIS ROUTING SLIP AND THE ENCLOSURE THERETO AS THE TOP SERIAL(S) IN ITS 161 CASE FILE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CINCINNATI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 1/25/93	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/3/93
TITLE OF CASE (1) RONALD H. BROWN, aka Ron Brown		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY: jlm
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPIN	b6 b7C

REFERENCE:

WMFO teletype to Bureau dated 1/2/93.


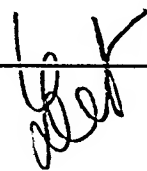
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed were furnished the appropriate provisions of the Privacy Act. Express promises of confidentiality have not been granted. (X)

Cincinnati General Office Indices negative regarding the appointee, and listed references.

(Fax recd 1/4)

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: January 25, 1993

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Field Office File #: 161A-HQ-1042752

Bureau File #: 161A-HQ-1042752

Title: RONALD H. BROWN

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: President, PEBSCO, Columbus, Ohio, interviewed and recommended.

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DETAILS:

SWIDLER & BERLIN

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January 22, 1992

VIA TELECOPY

Mr. [REDACTED]
Special Inquiry Unit
FBI Headquarters
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Room 4371
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I hereby authorize you to release the results of your background investigation on Ronald Brown/to [REDACTED] for purposes of granting a permanent top secret security clearance.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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cc: The Honorable Vince Foster,
Deputy Counsel to the President

Summary memorandum dated 1/5/93, furnished to DOJ,
on 1/22/93. [REDACTED]

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAN FRANCISCO	DATE 1/7/93	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/1/92 - 1/4/92
TITLE OF CASE RONALD HARMON BROWN, aka, RON BROWN		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY: sah
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPIN	

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REFERENCE: WMFO teletype to San Francisco dated December 31, 1992, and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated January 1, 1993 and San Francisco fax to the Bureau dated January 4, 1993.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed were furnished the appropriate provisions of the privacy act. Express promise of confidentiality have not been granted.

Because of his busy schedule Doctor HOROWITZ chose not to be interviewed face to face.

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Office: SAN FRANCISCO

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Date:

January 7, 1993

Field Office File #: 161A-HQ-1042752

Bureau File #:

Title:

RONALD HARMON BROWN, aka, RON BROWN

Character:

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Synopsis:

Past employment verified and favorable comments secured regarding Appointee.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

EMPLOYMENT

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Chief Counsel
August, 1980 - January, 1981

On 1/1/93, Dr. LARRY HOROWITZ was telephonically contacted at his residence, [REDACTED] He was advised of the official identity of the caller as well as the purpose of the call. Dr. HOROWITZ provided the following information:

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Dr. HOROWITZ stated that he has know Mr. RONALD BROWN since 1979 when he met Mr. BROWN in connection with Dr. HOROWITZ's position of being the staff director of Senator KENNEDY's health committee. Dr. HOROWITZ was director of this committee from 1977 to 1981.

Dr. HOROWITZ stated that he believes that Mr. BROWN's professional performance as Chief Counsel for the United States Senate committee on the judiciary from August, 1980 until January, 1981 was "top notch." He stated that he has no reservations concerning either Mr. BROWN's character or his fitness for appointment to high level position in the United States government. Dr. HOROWITZ added that Mr. BROWN is a personal friend of his and that he considers Mr. BROWN a very competent and confident person.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

EMPLOYMENT

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Chief Counsel
August, 1980 - January, 1981

On January 4, 1993, Dr. LARRY HOROWITZ, President, Selby Lane Enterprises, 900 Welch Road, Suite 210, Palo Alto, California, telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he considered the appointee to be an individual of the highest character, associates reputation, and loyalty. He had no knowledge of any illegal drug use, prescription drug overuse, or alcohol abuse by the appointee. He had never seen any evidence of prejudice or bias, on the part of the appointee, toward anyone because of their race, religion, or sex. He considered the appointee to be financially responsible and a person who lived within his means. There was absolutely nothing in the appointee's activities or associations he considered questionable and had no reservations about recommending the appointee for a position of trust and responsibility.

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REPORTING OFFICE DALLAS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 1/7/93	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/31/92
TITLE OF CASE RONALD HARMON BROWN, AKA RON BROWN		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY: jlw b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPIN	

BUDED: 1/4/93

REFERENCE: Bureau fax to Dallas, 12/29/92, and Dallas fax to Bureau, dated 12/31/92.

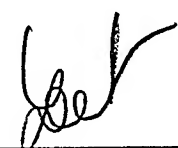
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Persons contacted were apprised of the provisions of the Privacy Act and none requested confidentiality.

Dallas appropriate indices contained no record or identifiable information regarding candidate.

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SA [REDACTED]
January 7, 1993

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Field Office File #: 161A-HQ-1042752

Bureau File #: 161A-HQ-1042752

Title: RONALD HARMON BROWN, AKA RON BROWN

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY's records, Dallas, Texas,
negative re any mention of candidate RONALD HARMON BROWN.

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DETAILS:

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] at Dallas, Texas, on Thursday, December 31, 1992:

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CHEMFIX TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS
2424 Edenborn Avenue
Metairie, Louisiana

BENNETT (NMN) STOKES, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), Dallas, Texas, advised that in reviewing their records regarding air, water, and waste pollution, they could not find any derogatory information or legal action taken against CHEMFIX TECHNOLOGIES, INC. or NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS, of Metairie, Louisiana.

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In the 1980's, EPA did check on a waste site and a landfill site belonging to NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL in Harvey and Kenner, Louisiana, but this was not because of a complaint, and no action was taken against the company.

Also in the 1980's, EPA checked on a treatment plant of CHEMFIX, around Kenner, Louisiana, which treated liquid waste, turning it into solid aggregates for landfills. And on a CHEMFIX class 2 disposal well site, which disposes of water from oil wells. This again, was not the result of complaints and no action was taken in either case.

STOKES further advised that in reviewing all of the above cases, there was no mention of candidate, RONALD HARMON BROWN.